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### AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:  
at least one abrader;  
a post configured to engage a disk hole; and,  
~~means for coupling wherein~~ said at least one abrader is coupled to said post wherein said at least one abrader is not coupled with an enclosing case and wherein said post is not coupled with an enclosing case.
2. (currently amended) An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:  
at least one abrader;  
a post configured to engage a disk hole;  
an inner case bottom cylinder;  
a case bottom comprising said inner case bottom cylinder for securing particles abraded by said  
at least one abrader wherein said case bottom is coupled with said at least one abrader and  
said post;  
at least one pad;  
an ejector hole;

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at least one disk latch;

an inner case top cylinder;

a post guide; and

a case top comprising said ejector hole and said at least one disk latch coupled with said inner case top cylinder wherein said case top is formed to hold a disk inside said inner case top cylinder via said at least one disk latch wherein said disk is placed against said at least one pad wherein said case bottom and said case top are configured to rotate about an axis defined by said post and said post guide when said case bottom and said case top are engaged and form a second enclosed chamber comprising said inner case bottom cylinder and said inner case top cylinder and wherein said ejector hole forms an entryway into said second enclosed chamber that is blocked from said second enclosed chamber via said disk.

3. (canceled)

4. (canceled)

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said case top and said case bottom further comprise a non-slip surface.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said non-slip surface comprises finger grooves.

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7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said case bottom is configured to hold particulate not captured by said second enclosed chamber until said case top and said case bottom are disengaged.

8. (currently amended) A method for degrading the information bearing capabilities of a disk comprising:

placing a disk in a case top;

engaging said case top to a case bottom wherein said case top comprises an inner case top cylinder and said case bottom comprises an inner case bottom cylinder wherein said inner case top cylinder and said inner case bottom cylinder form a second enclosed chamber;

applying inward pressure to said case top and to said case bottom;

rotating said case top with respect to said case bottom;

abrading said disk;

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8 further comprising:

disengaging said case top from said case bottom;

ejecting said disk via an ejector hole that forms an entryway into said second enclosed chamber that is blocked from said second enclosed chamber via said disk; and,

emptying said case bottom of particulate.

10. (currently amended) An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:

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an abrader;

an abrader arm;

a post support; and,

a post coupled with said post support coupled with said abrader arm coupled with said abrader configured to abrade a disk placed against said abrader when said disk is placed on said post and rotated about an axis defined by said post and wherein said apparatus is not configured to capture particles in a case wherein said particles result from abrasions of said disk.

11. (currently amended) A method for degrading the information bearing capabilities of a disk comprising:

placing a disk against an abrader;

coupling said disk to a post wherein said at least one abrader is not coupled with an enclosing case and wherein said post is not coupled with an enclosing case;

applying inward pressure to a post support and said abrader;

rotating said disk about an axis defined by said post;

abrading said disk.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:

decoupling said disk from said post; and

disposing of said disk.

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13. (currently amended) An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:

means for placing a disk in a case top;

means for engaging said case top to a case bottom wherein said case top comprises an inner case top cylinder and said case bottom comprises an inner case bottom cylinder wherein said inner case top cylinder and said inner case bottom cylinder form a second enclosed chamber;

means for applying inward pressure to said case top and to said case bottom;

means for rotating said case top with respect to said case bottom; and,

means for abrading said disk.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:

means for disengaging said case top from said case bottom;

means for ejecting said disk via an ejector hole that forms an entryway into said second enclosed chamber that is blocked from said second enclosed chamber via said disk; and,

means for emptying said case bottom of particulate.

15. (currently amended) An apparatus for degrading the information bearing capability of a disk comprising:

means for placing a disk against an abrader;

means for ~~placing~~ coupling said disk on a post wherein said at least one abrader is not coupled with an enclosing case and wherein said post is not coupled with an enclosing case;

means for applying inward pressure to a post support and said abrader;

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means for rotating said disk about an axis defined by said post;

means for abrading said disk; and,

means for decoupling said disk from said post.